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In re Application of:)
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Title: DROPLET FORMING METHOD FOR)
MIXED LIQUID AND DROPLET)
FORMING DEVICE, AND INK JET)
PRINTING METHOD AND DEVICE,)
AND INK JET PRINTING)
ELECTRODE-CARRYING NOZZLE)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(c) but before the payment of the issue fee for the above-identified application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), a fee of \$180.00, as specified by § 1.17(p) is due for filing this IDS.

Each item of information contained in this IDS was first cited in a European Search Report dated October 5, 2007 in a corresponding European application. Hence, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and recollection, each item of information contained in this IDS was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. A copy of the European Search Report dated October 5, 2007 is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this Application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required and including any required extension of time fees, *or* credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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